

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is nothing but a self serving interest. I see more and more of it everyday and it sickens me. The FCC is not doing its job! What country is this, USSR? Remember who you work for, it's me and the rest of the public. Not special interests or even some branch of our government.

Broadcasters use the public airwaves free of charge, and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and the special interests that drive it and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. It is sad that I can only think of two organizations that embody serving the public interest in regards to news reporting as it should be served, one is NPR and the other the BBC.

Sinclair's actions, and others (Clear Channel comes to mind), show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Please take back the airwaves for us before it is too late.

Thank you.